



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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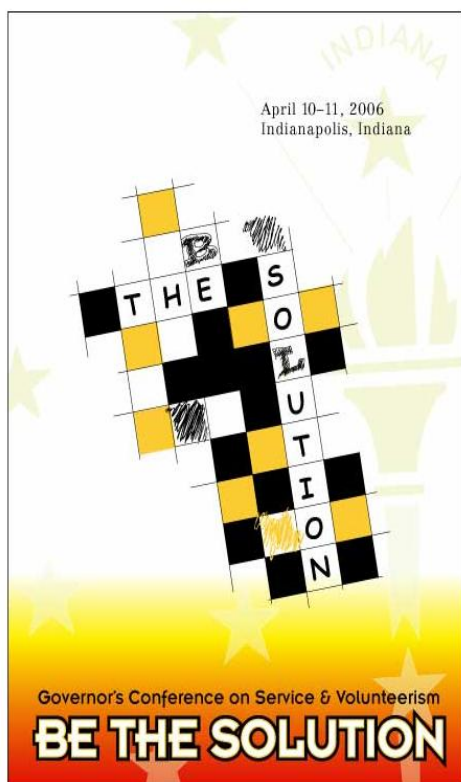
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Welcome to Friday Night Facts ! It is surprising to us that we have already had several registrations for the upcoming Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism. The feedback we have received so far suggests that once the registration mailer hits mailboxes next week, the slots will fill quickly. If you have a moment right now, take the time to register online. It is easy and will insure that you are able to attend a great education and networking event. We look forward to meeting you in April. I am also thrilled that state employees are volunteering to help provide a home for a needy family by building a Habitat for Humanity House. April will be a busy, exciting and inspiring month. Come and join us!!



We have received a number of inquiries and registrations for the upcoming **2006 Governor's Conference on Service & Volunteerism**. Remember, in order to qualify for **Early Registration**, you must register before **March 10th**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us, 317-233-4273. Hopefully by now, you have received the Governor's Award for Service and Volunteerism brochure and nomination form.

Please don't forget to submit your nomination for the Governor's Award. These awards are intended to recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations that contribute their time, talents, and resources to the betterment of our community. Any individual, organization, group, family, business, educational institution, faith-based organization actively engaged benefiting the community or state can be nominated. Nomination packets must be received by no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, March 10, 2006 in order to be considered.

Award recipients will be honored and recognized at the Awards Dinner on Monday evening, April 10th, at the Marriott Downtown Indianapolis.

Please go to www.ofbci.in.gov to nominate a Hoosier volunteer for a Governor's Award (select Governor's Awards). You may also register and get more information about the Conference at this website.

ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We would like to have a **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT** segment in upcoming issues of Friday Night Facts. Please submit to us your suggestions on volunteers we should feature. Also, don't forget to include why you believe they should be in the **SPOTLIGHT**.

"Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Department of Health & Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

More Time to Fill the Prescriptions You Need

Medicare and your drug plan are working together to make sure you have coverage for the prescriptions you need. All Medicare drug plans must make sure that the people in their plan can get medically-necessary drugs to treat their conditions. Medicare drug plans cover both generic and brand-name prescription drugs. The drug lists must include a range of drugs in the prescribed categories and classes. This makes sure that people with different medical conditions can get the treatment they need.

Most plans have a list of drugs covered by the plan called a formulary. Your plan may have a different brand-name drug for your condition on its list than the prescription you currently take. You can work with your doctor to change to this drug or to a generic drug if one is on the list. If your doctor thinks you need a drug that isn't on the list, your doctor can apply for an exception to try to continue your current prescription. If the plan denies the request, you can appeal their decision.

When your Medicare prescription drug coverage starts and you go to the pharmacy for the first time to fill a prescription, you may not have had time to work with your doctor. You may still be taking a prescription that isn't covered by your Medicare drug plan, or a prescription that requires a prior authorization by your doctor before your Medicare drug plan would cover it.

So that you are able to leave the pharmacy with a prescription, your plan will cover a 30-day supply of your current prescription. You need to contact your doctor so you can change your prescription to one that is covered by your plan or if necessary, work on requesting an exception.

Medicare and your plan are now providing you more time to work with your doctor on a solution in these cases. If your Medicare drug plan coverage was effective on January 1 or February 1, 2006, you will now have until March 31, 2006, to work with your doctor to switch to a prescription on your plan's list. Until then, your plan will allow your pharmacist to fill your current prescription through March 31, 2006.

If you join a Medicare drug plan and your coverage starts on March 1, 2006, or later, your plan will still allow you to fill a one-time, 30-day supply of your prescription in these cases. Then, you will have 30 days to talk with your doctor about a change that works for you. (CMS Pub. No. 11193, February, 2006)

The Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, a partnership with The Church Federation of Celebration of Hope, will be hosting their Annual Convocation & Worship Weekend on Saturday, March 4, 2006 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Convocation Topics include *What about Governance and Faith; What about History of Faith and Education; What about our Education Systems and Our Children (a 7 person panel discussion); and What about the Youth.* They will also be hosting a Youth Convocation. The event will conclude with the Celebration of Hope Spring Service at 6 PM on March 5th, with IPS Superintendent Dr. Eugene White. For more information, please contact The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, 317-926-5371 or visit their website at www.churchfederationindy.org
